

Responding to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in the Deaf Community: Information, Skills & Resources for Interpreters, Service Providers and Advocates

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In Conjunction With

12th Ending Sexual Assault
& Domestic Violence
Conference :

November 30 - December 3
2010

Griffin Gate Marriott Resort & Spa, Lexington, KY

This Pre-Conference Institute will provide introductory information, skills and resources to better assist individuals who work with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are Deaf, hard of hearing, or Deaf-Blind. This two-day training and networking opportunity is designed for American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters and service providers (e.g., vocational rehabilitation and social workers, advocates, counselors, and court personnel). ASL interpreters will be provided.

Trainers will:

- Describe the nature, extent and impact of violence against individuals in the Deaf community
- Identify basic victims' rights and services
- Clarify terminology and communication skills
- Provide information about interpreter protocols, staging tips, self-care, and safety planning
- Describe and discuss ethics and advocacy principles
- Clarify roles, responsibilities and collaboration opportunities/strategies for key stakeholders
- Identify resources to protect and support Deaf survivors and professionals who assist these persons

The primary trainers include **Cathy Hoog**, a national technical assistance provider for the Office on Violence Against Women, formerly with Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services (ADWAS), and **Amber Hodson**, certified interpreter (CI, CT) and Case Manager with DeafHope. These experts also served as the core training team for the Vera Institute of Justice, Accessing Safety Initiative, *Interpreting Effectively and Safely for Deaf Survivors of Violence*.

Funding for this Pre-Conference Institute is provided by the **Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice** to the **Mary Byron Project**. The Office on Violence Against Women prioritizes initiatives to improve protection and support to traditionally underserved victims of domestic violence, dating abuse, sexual assault and stalking.

There is **NO REGISTRATION FEE** for interpreters, service providers for Deaf clients and advocates thanks to the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. However, **space is limited and early registration is recommended**. CEU credits are approved for 1.5 RID CMP Credits. Limited scholarships are available for travel expenses, lodging and meals. Questions? Please contact Travis A. Fritsch, travis@marybyronproject.org, or (859) 229-7245 (Voice, Text, and TTY).

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